

First Annual
Centennial Strategy for

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

August 2007



Site: BICA Year: 2007

Vision Statement

Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area is a diversified landscape of forest and mountains, upland prairies, deep canyons, desert, and Bighorn Lake. These fragile lands are subject to harsh extremes in climate, yet are home to a broad spectrum of land and water recreation opportunities including boating, water skiing, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, and shoreline camping. Located in southeastern Montana and north-central Wyoming, Bighorn Canyon was established for recreational use of the lake and adjacent lands, and to preserve the scenic, scientific, and historic resources umipaired for future generations.

The natural and cultural heritage of Bighorn Canyon is becoming an increasingly important experience to the visitor. Through the last 10,000 years, a succession of hunters, gatherers, trappers, explorers, and traders, slowly gave way to ranchers, who set up permanent settlements, including four ranches now on the National Register of Historic Places. Notable wildlife includes bighorn sheep, mountain lions, bald eagles, and peregrine falcons. Bighorn Canyon includes a large portion of the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range, and features the National Park Service's first passive solar energy visitor center.

The Centennial Initiative brings a welcome opportiunity to develop a clear, sustainable vision for Bighorn Canyon during the next 10-years, utilizing the experience of staff, the generous input from diverse community leaders, and ongoing cooperative efforts with federal, state, tribal, and private citizens. It is with great anticipation that support from partnerships will develop simultaneously with visionary projects, both enhanciing recreational opportunities and resource stewardship.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

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Site: BICA STEWARDSHIP

- Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy the standard to which all other park systems aspire.
 - X Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

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